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Applicants: Amarasekera, et al.

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RESPONSE TO PAPER 23

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Sir:

The following remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2001, the Notice of Appeal filed April 30, 2002, and the interview held on May 13, 2002 between Messrs. Schulman and Milligan and the Examiner

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Advisory Action mailed February 14, 2002.

The Examiner, Ms. C. Caixa Lu, is thanked for the courtesy of the interview conducted with the undersigned counsel on May 13, 2002. During the interview, the undersigned attorney and the Examiner discussed the merits of the Advisory Action mailed February 14, 2002 and the Office Action mailed October 30, 2001. Agreement in principle was reached on all outstanding issues.

With regard to the rejections of claims 17-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Matsushita et al. (EP 0 787 772), Applicants had previously submitted a Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. However, apparently this Declaration was submitted without Appendix A. At the interview, the Examiner was shown a copy of the Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, including Appendix A. It was agreed that the Declaration provides sufficient evidence of conception and reduction